

## BELGIAN COAST FREED OF GERMANS

## PLAGUE WORST IN NATION SINCE YELLOW FEVER

INFLUENZA  
MAY LAST  
IN WINTER

Epidemic Ripe All Over Nation  
Experts Give Battle, Great  
Loss of Life.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The influenza pandemic is the most serious outbreak of disease this country has experienced in a quarter of a century.

The loss of life and the economic loss have been greater than caused by any plague of yellow fever that has visited us in the last two generations.

Indeed, the pandemic has been exceeded in severity only twice in the last 100 years—by the cholera epidemics in 1843 and in the seventies.

END NOT IN SIGHT.

While the United States public health service and the offices of the surgeon generals of the army and navy can not forecast what the final toll will be, they can and do say that, taking the country as a whole, the pandemic has done little more than get a good start. The end is not in sight. True, conditions in New England, where the disease appeared first, are improving steadily, and the prediction is made that the northeastern states have experienced the worst of the epidemic, but New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia, where the disease is most severe today, are undergoing what New England went through several weeks ago.

**SEVERE IN THE WEST.**  
The severity of the pandemic is shaded on the maps hanging in the office of Surgeon General Rupert Blue from heavy in these central Atlantic coast states, to medium heavy in the South, and to light in the states west of the Mississippi, where the pandemic is developing. The nation's health authorities say that serious developments in the West must be anticipated.

The pandemic will be as severe from the Mississippi to the Pacific slope two weeks hence as it was in New England a couple of weeks ago today. The disease is as widespread in Texas even now as it is in some of the Eastern states.

**MANY THOUSANDS OF DEATHS.**  
The people of the country must take home to themselves a large measure of responsibility for the spread of the disease. Unusual cleanliness, statement may seem, is an authoritative opinion in the highest medical circles here that the spread of influenza can be checked materially if citizens will exercise the most ordinary care. The disease is not a venereal disease, and the most ordinary cleanliness, such as the use of soap and water to wash the hands and mouth, and the use of a handkerchief.

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McADOO WIRES  
YOU TO BUY  
LIB. BONDS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.

**EDITOR TIERCE.**  
Subscriptions reported and estimated up to noon Thursday amount to \$4,000,000, leaving at least \$20,000,000 to complete the Fourth Liberty Loan. Only two days are left which will do this vast sum. No country on earth but America could raise so vast a sum in so short a time.

America can do it and must do it. The destinies of the world and the hopes of civilization are centered upon America. We shall fail in everything we have fought for and hope to gain in this war if the Fourth Liberty Loan is defeated. Let every true American citizen today examine himself under the white light of patriotism and say whether or not he has done his utmost in this emergency.

The highest command every true American to go immediately to his bank or to his Liberty Loan committee and subscribe to the limit of his ability to the Fourth Liberty bonds. Don't delay. Don't wait to be urged. Be as quick to do your part in this Fourth Liberty Loan as you are quick to obey the orders to charge the enemy.

Buy Liberty bonds on the installment plan if you cannot buy them for cash. Every patriotic citizen help you. If every patriotic citizen will do his duty today, victory for the Fourth Liberty Loan is certain. The continued victories of our armies in Europe, the certain defeat of our enemies and the glorious triumph of the cause of Liberty depend upon the American people doing in the remaining two days of the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign.

WILLIAM G. McADOO,  
Secretary of the Treasury.

STRICTEST  
CAUTION IS  
NECESSARY

While the situation with respect to the influenza is still desperate with a greater demand for the services of physicians and nurses that can possibly be supplied, yet it becomes more and more apparent that the tidal wave has begun to recede and that with the help of the citizenship of the communities in this section it will be stamped out in a comparatively short time, according to Dr. R. P. Hale, county health officer.

Any disregard of the orders of the department of public health in regard to meetings in public places and in regard to personal care in matters of prevention of the disease would, however, tend to a recurrence of the epidemic that might prove very disastrous.

In other words, vigilance must not relax. Care in every particular must still be exercised. Regulations must be observed.

From unofficial reports it is believed that there were about ten deaths in the county yesterday and last night. These were mostly in foreign sections where it has been difficult to secure for the patients the right kind of care or to get them to take care of themselves. Fresh air is essential but sudden changes of temperature must be avoided.

HAMMOND MAN  
GETS BAD NEWS

Lieut. Louis, Flier, in Accident Wherein His Pilot Was Killed in France.

Bad news came from France this morning to L. W. Louis of THE TIMES advertising department that his son Lieut. John Louis of the U. S. army forces in France had been hurt in an accident to his airplane when it was starting over the Hun lines. Through motor difficulty the airplane dashed to the ground and Lieut. Louis, the pilot, was killed. From the best information obtainable Lieut. Louis suffered injuries about the head. He is in a hospital. The accident happened early in September and no information has been heard since. Mr. Louis has cabled to France for news. Lieut. Louis is a fine young man who has made astonishing progress since he enlisted in the air service and it is hoped that later information will show his complete recovery.

THE ALLIED  
TROOPS INVADE  
MONTENEGRO

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
PARIS, Oct. 18.—French and Serbian troops invading Montenegro have captured the important town of Ipek, fifteen miles inside the frontier, it was announced by the French war office today.

Additional progress was made north and west of Nish and two large towns were occupied.

ATTACKS CAUSE  
FLIGHT OF MASSES

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
LONDON, Oct. 18.—Allied attacks in Flanders and northern France are causing a "flight of the masses," according to the German wireless service. No aid will be given the population by transport facilities or food supplies. It is declared. In Roulers the Germans seized 20,000 pounds of food belonging to the Belgian relief commission. Suffering among all the classes is intense.

4TH LOAN IS ON  
HOME STRETCH

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The Fourth Liberty Loan campaign today turned into the home stretch and every ounce of the nation's energy was directed at putting over the minimum quota of six billions dollars. Total subscriptions reported here today passed the four billion, two hundred and fifty million dollar mark. The state of Michigan has fully subscribed.

Secretary McAdoo this morning reiterated his statements that the nation must not let Uncle Sam fail to pay his debts. He declared that if peace was declared tomorrow the government would have an enormous financial problem to solve which would necessitate much more money.

## Important Notice.

All American Red Cross War Fund pledges are past due. Those knowing themselves to be in arrears are expected to meet this obligation, saving the time and expense of personal solicitation.

Call at once at Liberty Hall!  
SECOND RED CROSS  
WAR FUND COMMITTEE.

LOWELL  
GIRL KILLS  
HERSELF

Sad Tragedy Is Revealed in Life of 18-Year-Old Edith Berry, Who Is Found Dead in Her Room in Chicago.

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.)  
LOWELL, IND., Oct. 18.—Edith Loyd Berry of this place committed suicide in Chicago yesterday and the sad news shocked people here. The girl was only 18 years of age and left Lowell two years ago to accept employment in Chicago.

She was found dead in her room at 1618 W. Jackson boulevard. Four gas jets were turned on. A number of letters were found in the room.

Among them is the following note, unsigned, but evidently written immediately before the tragedy:

"Malcomb, dear: Don't you know I am getting gray worrying about you? I can wait no longer. If it were not for your dear mother's comforting words I'd cry myself sick. I am living at Maudie's again. I am not working today."

"I Love You Only."  
"Good-bye, I love you only. I will kill myself. You shall never see me alive again."

The man to whom the note was addressed is believed by the police to be Malcomb Berry, 1527 Jackson blvd., because of other letters addressed to him. He had not been found late last night. Berry is the dead girl's husband.

According to Mrs. Charles Linsley, owner of the rooming house, the girl rented the room Wednesday night, spending the evening decorating it. Yesterday morning neighboring roomers smelled gas. The police were called and found the body.

**Find Soldier's Picture.**  
A picture of a uniformed soldier found among her letters was marked with the following notation:

"My dear brother, Thomas Loyd, left for Camp Grant Thursday, June 27, 1918."

The parents of the girl in Lowell, were notified. They are Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Loyd.

That the young woman was married was substantiated by a postal card sent from Camp Grant, Second Company, 161st Depot Brigade, and reads: "Dear Edith: How is your husband?" It was signed Morris Miner.

Thos. Loyd, the girl's brother, is in France in the U. S. army. Another brother is at Camp Taylor and a third brother in the service is in a Virginia camp.

HUNS PREPARING  
AFTER-WAR PLANS

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
LONDON, Oct. 18.—(By the British Admiralty Wireless).—German commercial classes are busily engaged in devising a scheme for regaining supremacy at the end of the war. General approval has been expressed in German papers of a plan suggested by the chamber of commerce of Plauen which states that a German chamber of commerce should be set up in foreign countries to reconquer the markets which before the war were dominated by German trade.

EXPECT RETREAT  
TO NAMUR

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
LONDON, Oct. 18.—(By the British Admiralty Wireless).—The military correspondent of the British wireless states that extensive preparations have been made for the evacuation of the Belgian coast. The enemy probably intends to retreat to a line running through Antwerp, Brussels and Namur, thence along the right bank of the Meuse. Germany no doubt, will attempt to delay the Allied advance on the line of the Scheldt.

CONGRESS TO  
TO REIMBURSE  
WHEAT RAISERS

(BY UNITED PRESS.)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Should peace come before the next harvest Congress will be called on to appropriate a large sum to pay American wheat raisers the price guaranteed to them by the government, wheat state members of congress were notified today in a letter concerning the wheat situation.

## ROLL OF HONOR

The only casualty on General Pershing's list today from Lake County is:  
RAYMOND SLOKU, 1629 Carolina st., Gary; wounded, degree undetermined.

## HOW THE PEACE-SEEKING GERMANS LEFT BETHUNE



Street of Sadi Carnot.

President Wilson's reply to Germany's proposals for an armistice to "talk the matter over" received world wide commendation. Ger-

many must indicate by her actions that she really wants peace. Her armies continue to devastate and pillage towns through which they

are retreating. This British official photo shows the street of Sadi Carnot, Bethune. Mere skeletons of the beautiful buildings remain.

FEDERAL  
COURT IS  
CONTINUED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The next two weeks should determine whether we shall have a spring campaign. In the meantime we are proceeding on the theory that the war is going on and that a spring campaign on big lines must be fought.

SUGAR CERTIFICATES  
DISCONTINUED SUNDAY

U. S. Food Administration Issues Order; Notice Sent to Counties.

Issuance of certificates for the allotment of sugar for canning purposes will be discontinued in Indiana Sunday on orders from the United States food administration, received by the state food authorities yesterday forenoon. The Indiana administration issued the notice to all county administrators yesterday.

ALLIES TO UNITE  
FOR PEACE TABLE

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—A determined effort will be made immediately by America and the allies to organize a strong united diplomatic front to prevent any slip at the peace table due to information from German sources that a split can be looked for among the allies during negotiations. Quotations from German newspapers show attacks on England and French war aims and say Wilson's formula has never been officially accepted by the allies.

The president appeared to scent the situation when he appealed in his New York speech for an exact statement of terms by all chancellors of European belligerents. If Germany capitulates before the allies agree definitely diplomats believe Germany may profit at the peace table.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN  
AT ALLIED MEETING

A number of workers for the Allied War Work drive representing the seven bodies to benefit by the drive were entertained at the Gary Y. M. C. A. last night and plans were discussed for organization throughout the county by those present. Dr. H. E. Sharrer of Hammond district chairman for the drive, beginning November 11, was present at the meeting.

## Notice, Red Cross Members

The annual election of six directors of Hammond Chapter American Red Cross will be held at Liberty Hall, Thursday, Oct. 24, 1918. Polls will be open from 12 m. to 8 p. m. All members are asked to take part in this election.

HAMMOND CHAPTER AMERICAN RED CROSS.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18.—The Handelsblad published "with reserve" an unconfirmed report that all German submarines have been ordered to return to their bases.

## EXTRA

U. S. PREPARES FOR  
SPRING CAMPAIGN

By CARL D. GROAT  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—"The next two weeks should determine whether we shall have a spring campaign. In the meantime we are proceeding on the theory that the war is going on and that a spring campaign on big lines must be fought."

This summary of the war and peace situation came today from a general officer, holding an important place in the army establishment. He declared that by the first of November we should know whether Germany would yield. That Germany wants peace is a certainty; but the question is what price is she willing to pay to keep the allies off her soil.

He said it would be fatal to go on any other assumption than that all the fighting branches are going ahead with their plans on a scale greater than ever before. The sub-normal amount of prisoners taken in the Belgium retreat tends to show that the Germans are retreating in good order. This is taken here that the German high command realizes his army is beaten but not utterly defeated.

GREAT GERMAN  
RETREAT PROGRESSES

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
PARIS, Oct. 18.—Allied infantry supported by British monitors is advancing on Zeebrugge. Franco-Belgian forces are marching toward Deynse, eight miles southwest of Ghent.

The British are in control of Courtrai and the Germans have retired to a point thirty miles west of Brussels. Roubai virtually has been taken.

The new allied drive in the Oise region menaces Riedmont, seven miles southwest of St. Quentin. Once this town is taken it will be easy to take Guise. The Germans are abandoning their positions northeast of LaFere.

HUNS BITTERLY  
RESIST YANKS

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
WITH THE AMERICANS, Oct. 18. (Noon).—Under cover of a heavy barrage American patrols this morning penetrated deeply in the wooded region northeast of Grandpre. At the same time after breaking up feeble counter attacks along the Meuse, Americans pushed on and captured a number of strong points from which the boches had been sending out patrols.

Artillery activity has greatly increased along the whole front between Grandpre and the Meuse. The Germans are using gas as well as high explosives and shell the rear areas. It is now permissible to announce that the thirty-sixth division has been engaged in the Champagne advance this month.

U-BOAT  
WARFARE  
STOPPED?

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
LONDON, Oct. 18.—Tourcoing has been evacuated, it was reported from the British front today.

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
LONDON, Oct. 18.—Zeebrugge, the great German submarine base in Belgium is being entered by the British-Belgian troops.

(BY UNITED PRESS.)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Reported German Austria-Hungary political reform, news that the Kaiser's armies are retreating without leaving destruction in their wake, and that the U-boats have been recalled, was interpreted here today as an indication that these two countries are going through a process of meeting President Wilson's peace terms.

While it is admitted some of the political reforms may be sincere there is question as to whether or not they are sufficient to meet the president's demands.

Germany may be saying for instance that the Kaiser cannot declare war except when Germany is invaded. Germany may believe she is meeting the president's terms and then again her ruler may intend only to please the people and in the end stir them to a war of defense.

Apparently the military requirements are being met for the present. Reports persist that an answer is on the way. Of this the government has no confirmation. A new phase of the peace offensive is expected soon for there is no doubt that the Germans desire peace.

Bolshevism appears to be growing throughout the country and even penetrating the army, according to entente and neutral diplomats here today.

While discrediting rumors that Germany has called off its submarines in compliance with President Wilson's demand until official information to this effect is at hand, the navy department today expressed satisfaction at the important blow directed at this arm of the German operations by cleaning the Belgium coast of U-boat bases.

This means that the submarines will have to travel further from bases at Kiel than heretofore.

ADVANCE  
NORTHEAST  
OF LAFERE

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
PARIS, Oct. 18.—An advance of about two miles on a three mile front northeast of LaFere was reported by the French war office.

Violent fighting is continuing north of Grandpre where the French have crossed the Aisne.

BRUGES IS  
CAPTURED  
THIS P. M.

Unofficial Report in London is that Zeebrugge Has Been Evacuated.

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
LONDON, Oct. 18, 4 p. m.—Belgium infantry has entered Bruges, a dispatch from the British front announced this afternoon.

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
PARIS, Oct. 18, 11:20 a. m.—Tourcoing and Roubix are reliably reported to have been captured by the allied troops.

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18. No German subs have gone to sea since Chancellor Max made the armistice offer, according to a report here today.

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
LONDON, Oct. 18, 1:46 p. m.—The whole Belgium coast is confidently expected to be freed from the enemy today. Reports that Bruges already had fallen and that Zeebrugge had been evacuated are generally credited but have not yet been officially confirmed.

It is understood that a town five miles west of Zeebrugge has been captured.

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
LONDON, Oct. 18.—British troops continued to advance on the whole thirty mile front between the Semse canal and the Lys river. Field Marshal Haig announced today. Additional progress has been made east of Douai and several villages have been captured southeast of that city.

Prisoners taken in yesterday's Anglo-American attack between Bohain and Le Cateau exceed 4,000.

CONGRESS  
ANTICIPATES  
A RECESS

(BY UNITED PRESS.)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Anticipating a recess within the next ten days, scores of congressmen today were planning to go home between now and Monday to give political fences one last look. When word was circulated that the house and senate leaders had agreed upon a recess to begin October 29, members began preparations to quit the capital until after election. A recess now means delay of the big revenue bill, prohibition, oil leasing and water power bills and a bill to establish a string of tuberculosis hospitals to care for 14,000 soldiers discharged with tuberculosis are among important measures.

ALLIES TO  
GET TOGETHER  
FOR PEACE

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18.—Members of the reichstag, the federal council and the cabinet and military and naval officials, conferred in Berlin yesterday, in regard to the reply which will be sent to President Wilson, according to advices received here today. The reply it is reported, is not yet completed.

AUSTRIA SAID TO  
BE EVACUATING

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18.—In compliance with President Wilson's note, Austria is evacuating occupied territory, according to a Vienna dispatch received here today.

TURKEY TO GIVE  
UP SMYRNA

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)  
LONDON, Oct. 18.—The plenipotentiaries of Rahmi Bey, Governor of Smyrna, have arrived in Athens for the purpose of negotiating for the surrender of that Turkish province, according to a dispatch from Athens.